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The ability to maintain friendships with a small number of people over a long period of time is more important for happiness than the ability to make many new friends easily. Agree or disagree?

When I was younger, I would definitely have said that the ability to make many new friends would be more important for happiness than the ability of maintaining small numbers of people. But a the few past months' experiences have changed my view point, so no longer do I think that way.

First of all, I reckon that the ability to make new friends is important, but not as important as the ability of maintaining friendships. By making many new friends we develop our friendship circle and the more friends we have, the more we lose intimacy in our friendships, due to the fact that new friendships are not mature enough to bring us intimacy and happiness. Intimacy in friendships needs time to grow. For instance, I lost a 5-year-old friendship 3 three months ago and much to my surprise nothing has filled could fill its place in my life until now which is why I am a fan of maintaining old friendships and small groups of friends.

Secondly, although having a lot of friends is beneficial in some ways and you have more connection for your future jobs or issues, it can takes your time and sometimes even waste it. Having many friends not only is quite time consuming taking, but also needs a lot of energy, so I think having wide connection is not reason enough for making many new friends. Moreover, the vast majority of people who have the ability to make many new friends admit that they are not happy and their friendships has lost its quality. As the saying goes "the quality over the quantity". Having said that, there are exceptions to every rule and in some situations your ability to make new friends can be very helpful. For example, one of my friends who is an outgoing and social person, immigrated to a new country and new friendships that he made in-there helped him to do well in a-the new society.

In conclusion, the longer I live, the more I realize the importance of old friendships in my happiness. From my perspective maintaining a few friendships can give you true happiness but the happiness you gain from many new friends is temporary and fades away after a while.